

**REMARKS**

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

**I. Status of the Claims**

Claim 17 has been previously cancelled

Claim 4 has been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter therein.

Claims 1 and 31 have been amended and the amendments do not add new matter.

Claims 55 - 57 have been added. No new matter is added.

Claims 1-3, 5-16 and 18-57 are pending in the application.

**II. Acknowledgment of Allowable Subject Matter**

Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication that claims 18, 30, 42, and 54 contain allowable subject matter. The claims are objected to but would be allowed if amended into independent form.

**III. Format Change**

Many of the claims are in the form "at least one of A, B, C and D." This was intended to mean that either A or B or C or D could be used. However, as a result of the Federal Circuit's interpretation of this language in *Superguide Corporation v. DirecTV Enterprises, Inc.*, 358 F.3d 870 (Fed. Cir. 2004) as requiring A' and B' and C' and D', where the prime indicates one of numerous values for each element, the claims have been amended to recite "at least one of A, B, C, or D."

Further, since a table top is a surface, the reference to it having an interior has been removed.

**IV. Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103**

Claims 1-16, 19-29, 31-41, and 43-53 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,522,772 to Morrison et al. ("Morrison") in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,655,822 to Roberts. The Examiner contends that Morrison discloses all the elements of the claims except a viewing orientation selector. The Examiner cites Roberts as disclosing a viewing orientation selector and that "it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to use a viewing orientation selection means as taught by Roberts in the system of Morrison." Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

Claim 1 has been amended to recite "a tabletop having an opening there through" and "a display oriented to be viewed through the opening in the tabletop and displaying an image thereon." While Morrison has a tabletop 42 as indicated by the Examiner, it is clear that Morrison's tabletop has no opening in it and his display 32 is not viewed through an opening in the tabletop. Claim 1 has also been amended to require "a viewing orientation selector changing the viewing orientation of the image independent of the display," as supported in the Specification on page 12, line 19-23.

The input devices include a viewing orientation selection switch which allows any of the plurality of users to change the orientation of the display to their seating position. The viewing orientation selection switch may cause an image on the display to be rotated to favor a particular seating position.

Similarly, claim 31 has been amended to recite "a viewing orientation selector for changing an orientation of the image independent of the display." Applicants submit that neither Morrison nor Roberts disclose a viewing orientation selector for changing the orientation of an image on a display. Thus, the combination of Morrison and Roberts would not provide the present invention.

Claims 2-3, 5-14, 16, 20-29, 32-39, 41, and 44-53, depend from claims 1 and 31 and are allowable based at least on their dependence from the independent claims. Claim 4 has been cancelled thus rendering the above rejection moot with respect to this claim. New claims 55-57 have the same limitation which makes claims 1 and 31 allowable, so these claims are also allowable. Applicants respectfully request that the rejection be withdrawn.

### **CONCLUSION**

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue. However, if there are any questions regarding this amendment, or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this would expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

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